

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Ken Buhler who will be retiring from the state of South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources after 32 years of service; and,

Whereas, After graduating from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Geological Engineering, Ken began his professional career with Western Company of North America, providing oil well construction recommendations in the oil fields of the Williston Basin, and in 1985, Ken began his employment with the Water Rights program as a natural resources engineer, sharing his well drilling and ground water hydrology expertise with the Department and citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Ken has technically reviewed hundreds of water right permit applications and provided many hours of expert testimony to the Water Management Board; and,

Whereas, Ken has been active in the community through his service to Court Appointed Special Advocates, South Dakota Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council, and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Pierre, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, On June 8, 2017, Ken is retiring to enjoy a long and well-earned retirement while he continues his travels and appreciation of the outdoors and enjoys more time with his wife, Barb, and daughter Kate and will be missed by his friends and colleagues; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2017, as

KEN BUHLER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for a long, healthy, happy, and enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State